

MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LE-HI-HO

DATE: September 14, 1976

TIME: 7:00 P.M. (1900 hrs.)

PLACE: Residence of Ken & Lou

ATTENDANCE: Board of Directors: Helmuth J. Baerwald
Rick D. Balmer
Ken P. Burke
Lou Railer
Ron Seeds
Bob Steelman

Members: Joe Burns
Bill Hollabaugh
Bob Pfenning
Jack Rudy

Guests: Prof. Loeb - Lehigh University
Bill Baer - Lehigh University

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lou Railer submitted the Treasurer's report for review by the Board. Operating balance indicated was \$203.61.

RESIGNATION: We are in receipt of a letter of resignation from Ed Ettinger effective 9.14.76. It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ed by the Chairperson expressing our gratitude for his faithful and loyal service.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT: Rick has compiled a listing of groups and organizations throughout the community and will shortly be sending them notices of our availability to speak or participate on panels. Further, Rick will be revising our little write-up in the very near future.

PERFORMING ARTS EXCURSION: Rick presented a favorable report concerning our planned excursion to the Opera "Un Ballo Maschera" on 10.30.76. As of the last counting nine of us were planning to go. Details on car pools etc. to be worked out at a later date.

PRESS RELEASE - DR. KAMENY: A listing of newspapers, radio and television stations has been completed as well as a cover letter for the release. Since the press release is dated for the 17th of this month, the Secretary was instructed to have these mailings completed by the 16th. Approx. 35 releases are scheduled to be mailed.

RURAL CAUCUS REPORT: Bill reported that the Rural Gay Caucus has reached somewhat of an impasse. The legislative committee seems to be dying for lack of participation, although the Education committee seems to be very active, in fact working quite well and right along with the Department of Education. The recent meeting of the Caucus held on 9.11.76 was however very disappointing - infighting and rudeness stifled that meeting into an unproductive session. Overall the impression received by those of us in attendance at that meeting, was that the Caucus had reached a stage of its existence which no longer was in keeping with its own statement of purpose nor warranted further support by this organization. Rick stated that originally the Caucus was to have been more loosely structured and questioned the wisdom of having the Caucus formed almost as another organization. Lou thought that our energies be perhaps more wisely directed toward the Governor's council and advocated recalling our appointment of liaisons and withdrawing our support of the Caucus in the hope that this action might be a signal to the Caucus to reorganize its objectives and goals. Joe Burns stated that this action by LE-HI-HO would be most effective in getting

RURAL CAUCUS REPORT - continued -the Caucus to act. Bill asked whether LE-HI-HO might not consider an alternative to the withdrawal of support and consider what we might do to better and improve the Caucus. The general feeling however was that LE-HI-HO should withdraw and therefore a motion was brought to the floor by Lou that LE-HI-HO formally withdraw from the Caucus and recall its appointment of the Liaison, leaving open the possibility of again taking an active part when the Caucus returns to the responsible, mature and productive organization it was at its founding. The motion was unanimously carried.

BY-LAWS: Due to the resignation of Ed Ettinger who had been elected to a two year term certain problems arose as to the proper interpretation of certain articles in the By-Laws. Lou motioned that the By-Laws committee be reinstated to rewrite certain vague and ambiguous language contained in the present articles. The motion was seconded by Rick and unanimously carried. Members of the By-Laws committee are Rick, Lou, and Helmuth.

DR. LOEB AND BILL BAER: Two individuals from Lehigh University presented to the Board the opportunity to form a Consciousness Raising Group of Gay people in the Lehigh Valley. The presentation by Prof. Loeb was quite lengthy and interesting and our help was solicited only for the purpose of advertising this proposed formation with no further ties to our organization after its inception. Lengthy discussion followed with the outcome being that LE-HI-HO would carry an advertisement of the proposed formation of this group in the next newsletter with contact persons to be named. A motion to this effect was brought to the floor and carried by near unanimous vote with one abstention. Rick was instructed to work with Dr. Loeb in providing the Editor with the announcement when completed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned formally at 10.45 P.M. (2245 hrs.) with informal discussion thereafter.

NEXT MEETING: Residence of John Sipos, Allentown, October 19, 1976 -Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Helmuth J. Baerwald, Secretary 9.25.76